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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Contingent Transfer
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Office Action.

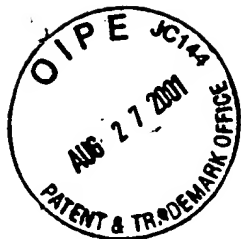
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 23, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the following remarks:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 14, 1999 with claims 1-8. Claims 9-19 were added in an Amendment dated March 7, 2001. In the outstanding Office Action dated May 23, 2001, the Examiner has: (i) rejected claims 1-5, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over "Portable Translator," *IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin*, Vol. 37, No. 11, pp. 185-188, Nov. 1994 (hereinafter "Portable Translator") in view of S.K. Das et al., "Microprocessor-Controlled Speech Communication Link to a Time-Shared Computer," *IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin*, Vol. 20, No. 11B, pp. 5051-5054, Apr. 1978 (hereinafter "Das"); (ii) rejected claims 6-8, 13 and 16-19